General Synod July 2013

Here is the response from WATCH to the General Synod debate on Women in the Episcopate.

WATCH is pleased that the House of Bishops' preferred option received overwhelming support from General Synod, which today re-affirmed its commitment to admitting women to the episcopate as a matter of urgency. The positive experience of the facilitated conversations was reflected in the tone of the debates. WATCH remains committed to full engagement with the ongoing process.

Vice-Chair, Charles Read commented, "This is an encouraging start to a process that will enable women to be bishops on equal terms as men."

Click here [1] for Thinking Anglicans summary of the legislation presented to Synod

Click here [2] for Archbishop Justin's contribution to the debate.

Inclusive Church at General Synod

Inclusive Church will be at the July General Synod in York 7-9th July. We shall be particularly supporting Mental Health Matters [3]. During our time at Synod we shall be helping to staff the Mental Health Matters stall giving us opportunities to talk with synod members.

Mental Health Matters is part of the Committee for Ministry of and among Deaf and Disabled People - a committee of the Archbishops' Council.

The National Co-ordinator is Revd Eva McIntyre. Eva was trained in mental health during her time as a prison chaplain and has a passion for work in this field. She is also the author of a book on the subject 'A Quiet Mind'.

The work of Mental Health Matters is a collaboration between people in the Church of England and our ecumenical partners who are professionals and volunteers working on specialist projects and willing to share their work, expertise and experience.

On Monday Inclusive Church are assisting with a lunchtime fringe event. This will raise issues around mental health with a speaker from Triangulate [4].

Triangulate was set up in 2009 by a group based in Romsey, Hampshire.

Their aim is to promote:

- changes in understanding, attitudes and behaviours towards mental illness; and
positive mental health practices in the workplace.

Their work has three strands:

- being individually and collectively committed to challenging the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness
- signposting individuals and employers locally and nationally to recognised sources of information
- facilitating events for employers in the Romsey area and further afield.

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